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Constable Randy Parks honored for saving a veteran's life

By Millie Jean Coppedge

The Rockwall County Commissioner's Court met today with a full agenda and standing room only. Representatives from many different enforcement agencies were present, even the FBI.

The first item was to honor Constable Randy Parks, Precinct 4. In a previously run front-page story in the Rockwall County News, Parks was recognized for saving the life of a Viet Nam veteran, Jack Key and his service dog Tattoo.

Key was going in and out of a diabetic coma, driving in excess of 100 miles per hour. Medical personnel said Key was very near death, when Parks intervened.

David Magness, Commissioner for Precinct 4, read a resolution to the court honoring Parks for his "courageous and heroic action".

Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eavenson followed up by presented Parks with a resolution from the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department and a Life Saving Bar to wear on his uniform. This bar is a especially honorable addition for an officer to wear.

As a final honor, Rockwall County District Attorney Kenda Culpepper presented the commissioner with a "special enforcement challenge coin from her office to commemorate the occasion".

"The members of the District Attorney's Office wanted to add our thanks to Constable Parks for his heroic actions," Culpepper said. A challenge coin is a collectors keepsake item that represents the organization from which it was presented. The coin is personalized for each individual event occasion. Commissioner Park's challenge coin says "Seeking Justice For All" on one side and "District Attorney's Office of Rockwall" on the other side.

Plans are being made for Commissioner Parks to be honored on the floor at the Texas State Senate by Republican Bob Hall, District 2.

Jack Key and his service dog Tattoo were in attendance at the presentation.



Constable Randy Parks was honored at the Rockwall County Commissioner's Court on January 27 for saving a Vietnam veteran's life and that of his service dog Tattoo. Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County district Attorney presented Parks with a challenge coin for his heroic actions during the presentations. Left to right are: Commissioner Tom Egan, Precinct 3, Commissioner Randy Parks, Precinct 4, Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County District Attorney, and Commissioner John Benedetto, Precinct 1.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

RISD candidate filing underway

Candidate application packets for the 2015 Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees election may be picked up at the school district's Administration/Education Center, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

Packets are available during regular business hours - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays, according to a school district news release.

The election is set for May 9.

Three-year terms to be filled in the election include Place 1, presently held by Chris Cuny; Plate 2, held by Russ Childers; and Place 3, held by Linda Mitchell Duran, according to the news release.

The period during which a candidate may file for a place on the ballot began Jan. 28. Filing deadline is 5 p.m. Feb. 27. All filing should be completed at the Administration/Education Center.

For more details, contact the RISD at 972-771-0605.

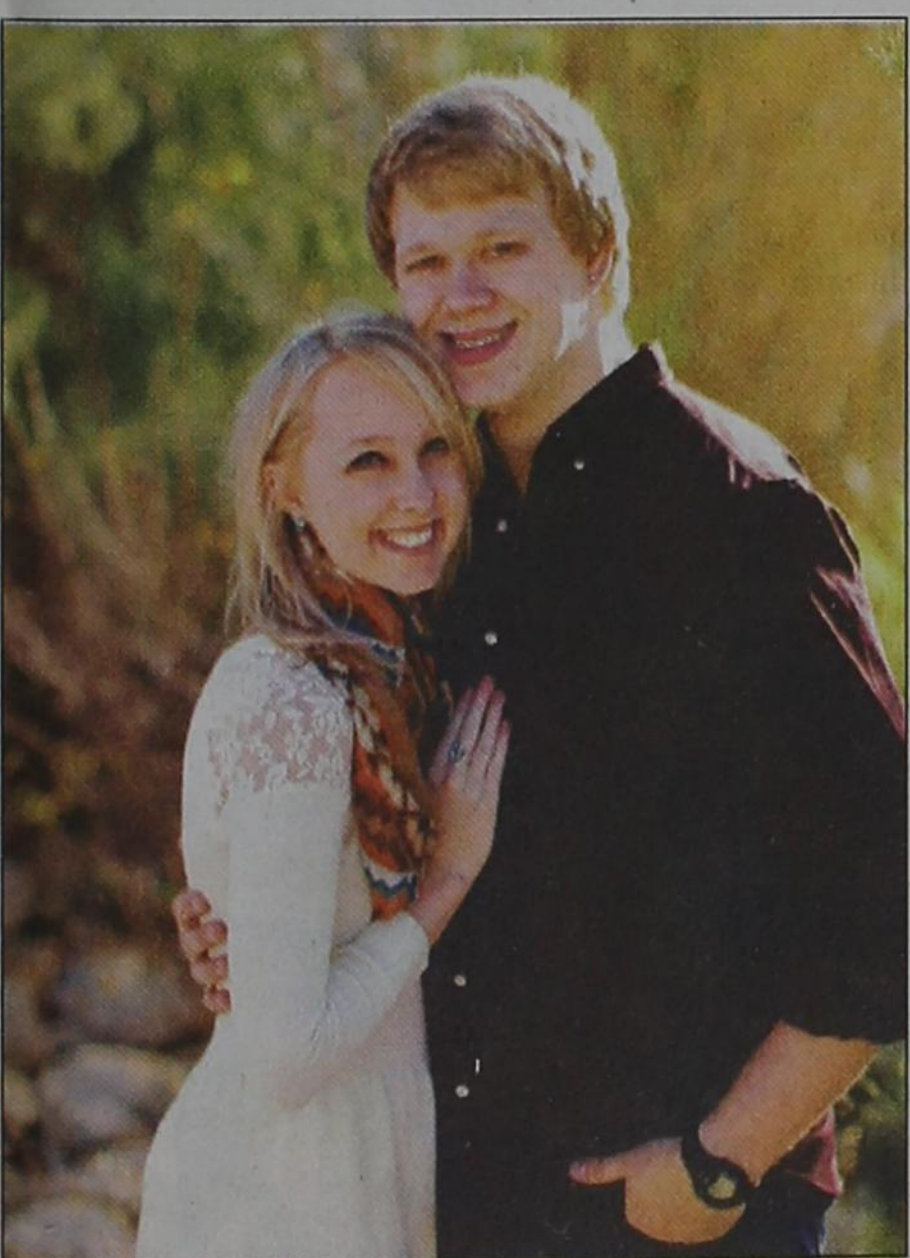
Williamson, Gideon plan August wedding

Tim and Kim Williamson of Irvine, California, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alaina Carolyn Williamson, to Brandon Condra Gideon, son of Carl and Elaine Gideon Quinlan.

The bride-elect, a 2011 graduate of Rockwall High School, will graduate this spring from Abilene Christian University with a bachelor's degree in advertising/public relations.

The prospective bridegroom, a 2011 graduate of Royse City High, will graduate this spring from Dallas Baptist University with a bachelor's degree in Christian studies.

An August wedding is planned at Southern Methodist University's Perkins Chapel.



Alaina Carolyn Williamson and Brandon Condra Gideon

Krueger to lead NE Texas Boys & Girls Club

A cooperative management agreement created recently between the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County and the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Texas is designed allow the two organizations to share administrative costs, build infrastructure, increase average daily attendance and improve the quality of services.

According to an announcement issued Monday, the merger will create a "stronger, more efficient nonprofit organization that can better serve the youth in Commerce, Greenville, Royse City and Rockwall ..." while allowing the individual groups to continue serving their respective communities independently.

The boards of directors of both club unanimously approved the appointment of Jenny Krueger to serve as chief professional officer of

the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Texas. The club will be governed by a corporate board.

"Our mission is to inspire and encourage the youth who need us the most, in a safe environment, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens," Krueger said in the news release. "Through shared administrative overhead, we will now be able to serve more members, more often, with purpose and impact, while better utilizing the resources at our disposal."

Krueger previously spent six years at the Boys & Girls Club of Texas Hill Country. She is a 1998 graduate of Rockwall High and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University.

Many of Krueger's duties were previously handled by Misti Potter, former president and chief executive officer of the Rockwall Club. Potter recently left the organization to assume the position of executive vice-president of the Boys & Girls Club of the Austin area.

By combining organizations, the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall and the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Texas hope to create "a stronger organization to better serve more than 2,400 youths in four locations throughout Rockwall County and Hunt County," according to the news release. Strategic goals have been set that focus on increasing average daily attendance by 20 percent this year, implementing a formal mentoring program, improving the quality of programs, strengthening partnerships, educating the community and successfully implementing the management agreement.

"This will result in members who achieve academic success, exhibit better character and citizenship and live healthier lifestyles," according to the news release.



Friday Study Club Home Hostess, June Frawley (center) is shown with co-hostesses Sharon Shannon (left) and Gail Lombard (right). After the Jan. 16 regular business meeting, the Club officers and members conducted it's annual review of the By-laws. Suggested changes were discussed and voted on.

Photo by Ruth Willis/Rockwall County News

FFA Ag Mechanics team takes wins at Ft. Worth Stock Show

The Rockwall FFA Agriculture Mechanics Team exhibited and placed with several projects at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Ag Mechanics Contest Jan. 16-19.

Winners, according to a school district news release, included:

- Entrance Gate - second place in class; Jacob Hogue, Rockwall-Heath High School, Matt Holland, Rockwall High School, and John Charles Terry, RHS
- 14-foot Utility Trailer - fifth place in class; Tristen Johnson, RHHS, and Will Wilcoxson, RHHS
- 12-foot Hydraulic Dump Trailer - second place in class; Zach Thomason, RHS
- 10-foot Utility Trailer - second place in class; junior FFA members Cole Schieberle, Cade Herin, Aden Baker and Ryan Ullom

Hogue received a \$2,000 Texas MADE Scholarship sponsored by the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. He placed sixth out of 50 students.

The Rockwall FFA Ag Mechanics Team will travel to and compete at the San Antonio and Houston ag mechanics contest and project shows in February and March.

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Rockwall Newcomers to meet Feb. 12

The February meeting of Rockwall Newcomers & Friends Club will take place Feb. 12 at Occasions in Royse City. Following a brief program, lunch will be served. The club is open to new Rockwall County residents and longtime residents. There are groups that meet for Bunco, book club, art, canasta and mah-jongg, just to name a few. For more information, visit newcomersrock.com. Reservations must be made by Feb. 2 by calling Marion at 972-722-9896 or Patty at 469-236-4270.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 4 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. No reservations required. For information call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

Democratic Men plan Feb. 7 luncheon

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon Feb. 7 at La Taqueria del Tio Mon, 105 Kenway Rd., Rockwall. The group meets at noon on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are invited to participate. This month's guest speaker will be Ed Robisheaux, co-author of "Swing County," the story of turning Loudoun County, Virginia, blue.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Duro A. Abdulla

A memorial service for Duro A. Abdulla, 81, of Rockwall, formerly of Canton, Ohio, Carrollton and Houston, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Jan. 30, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. in the DFW National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas.

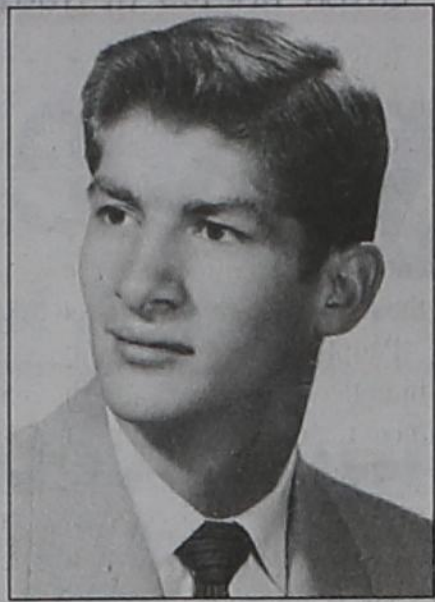
He died Jan. 25.
Born April 11, 1933, in Louisville, Ohio, to Duro and Elizabeth (Bagley) Abdulla, he graduated from Timken Vocational High School in 1953 and Kent State University on Aug. 26, 1961. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War. He played football in high school and while serving in the military.

He sold Volkswagens when they first came to the U.S. and received a Distinguished Salesman of the Year award from the City of Canton. A 13-year resident of Rockwall, he was an avid golfer and was raised in the Christian faith.

Survivors include his wife, Joanne Abdulla of Rockwall; his children, Steven Abdulla of Houston, Diane Murray and her husband, Richard, of Rowlett and Deborah Peterson of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Erica Abdulla of York, Pennsylvania, Ryan Abdulla of Centreville, Virginia, and Ricky Murray of Rowlett; a sister, Grace Melman, and her husband, Carl, of San Diego, California; his brothers, David and Joseph Abdulla, both of Canton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His parents and two brothers, Albert and Arthur Abdulla, preceded him in death.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas Chapter, 4144 N. Central Expressway, Suite 750, Dallas, TX 75204.



Larry 'Gene' Hamby

Services for Larry "Gene" Hamby, 65, of Caddo Mills were conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 27, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Randall Bost officiating. He died Jan. 23.

Born June 15, 1949, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Bill and Martha (Mahan) Hamby, he was the owner of Interstate Oil Recovery of Rockwall and attended Chisholm Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Judy Hamby of Caddo Mills; his siblings, Edna and L.D. Lea of Rossville, Georgia, and Hazel Hamby of Magnolia, Bobby and Pat Hamby of Terrell, Donna Hamby of Mesquite, Patsy and Jim Pickens of Wills Point and Ann Batchlor of Wills Point; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings, Betty, Bonnie, Wayne and Billy.



Sheri Sue Stodghill Fowler Parks

A memorial service for Sheri Sue Stodghill Fowler Parks, 47, of Rockwall County will be conducted at 10 a.m. Jan. 31, 2015, in the First Baptist Church, 610 S. Goliad, Rockwall, under the direction of Rick Donaho, with remarks by Billy Quinton and Dr. Tom Maglisceau and a eulogy by Sue Ann Yasger. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

A reception in the Fellowship Hall will immediately follow the service.

She died Jan. 22 in Heath following an extended battle with cancer.

Born May 31, 1967, in Dallas to Donald and Patsy (Hall) Stodghill, she grew up in the Forest Hills neighborhood of Dallas and was a 1985 graduate of Skyline High School, where she was a member of the drill team and performed in theatrical productions such as "Oklahoma!" often in roles that featured her dance training. She represented the second generation of her family to attend the University of Texas at Austin, where she earned degrees in radio/television/film and journalism.

Following college, she worked as an assistant editor and copywriter for Texas Monthly magazine. She also worked as a freelance writer for numerous publications, including The Dallas Morning News.

In 1990, she married and eventually had two children.

In the spring of 2000, she and her family moved from Austin to Rockwall County to live on the land her fraternal grandparents had farmed and upon which her father had been raised. She was the sixth generation of her family to call Rockwall County home, and she was proud to raise her children as the fourth generation living on family land. She enjoyed living in Rockwall and was interested in its history and stories of pioneer families that had settled the area. Her passion for history led her to author three books: "Rockwall," "Rockwall: Then and Now" and "Royce City." At the time of her death, she was completing work on a new book, "Legendary Locals of Rockwall."

In November 2006, she was hired as the chief information officer



for the Rockwall Independent School District, where she served as Superintendent's Cabinet member for more than eight years. The Rockwall Teacher of the Year program grew as the result of her work, and the scope of the school district's communication department more than doubled.

In 2007, she met the love of her life, Stacy Parks. Together they enjoyed western dancing, road trips and spending time with family and friends. They were rarely apart and he never left her side throughout her fight with cancer. On Nov. 29, 2014, the two were married at the Rockwall courthouse she loved.

She was extremely involved in civic service. Some of the organizations she worked with included the Rockwall County Friends of the Library, the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts, the Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation, the Boy Scouts of America, the Rockwall County Historical Commission. She also worked with the Rockwall County Historical Society, an organization for which she served as chair and sat on the board for 11 years. She and her daughter also were involved in the Rockwall chapter of the National Charity League.

She was a kind and loving person with a beautiful heart. She enjoyed musicals, art, travel, antiques, public speaking, film noir and any historically interesting.

Survivors include her husband, Stacy Duane Parks; her children, Hall Fowler of Denver, Colorado, and Grace Ann Fowler of Rockwall, a stepson, Kagen Duane Parks; her mother, Patsy Ann Hall Stodghill, brother, Steven Hall Stodghill, and his wife, Anne; her nephew, David W.W. Stodghill; her aunt, Tommie Sue Hall Fomby; and her cousins, Sue Ann Fomby Yasger, Patti Lou Fomby Ruhland and Bobbie Formby.

Her father preceded her in death.

Honorary pallbearers will be Blakeley Hall, Brett Hall, Dr. Burton, Eric Dagley, David English, Mike Frasier, Clint Nash and Billy Quinton.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rockwall County Historical Foundation, 900 Washington Dr., Rockwall, TX 75087; the American Cancer Society, Dallas Office (8900 John W. Carpenter Fwy., Dallas, TX 75247); or the John Wayne Cancer Foundation (P.O. Box 1779, Newport Beach, CA 92659).

Locals earn Baylor honors

Eleven local residents were among the more than 3,200 Baylor University students named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll for the 2014 fall semester, according to a university news release.

Honorees included Halley Elizabeth Platz and James Stuart Smith Heath and Anabel Glynn Burke, Cathleen Cheyenne Conrad, Connor Mackin, Nathan S. Mateer, De'Andra Christine Maxwell, Taylor A. Neely, Patrick Sam Ntchobo, Andrea Cecilia Pujol and Michael I. Sterry of Rockwall.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Shippy receives TTUHSC honors

Tracie Shippy of Rowlett was included on the President's Honor Roll for the fall 2014 semester at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock, according to a letter from the HSC president.

Shippy is a student in the Speech, Language and Hearing Science program at the TTUHSC.

Local residents tapped for UNT Dean's List

Several local residents were among the University of North Texas students named to the Dean's List for the 2014 fall semester, according to a university news release.

Honorees included Pierce K. Jackson from Heath; from Rockwall, Michael Ikenna Anukem, Elizabeth Avila, Abijah Ayele, Gabriel Boyd, Tyler Jesse Cerrato, Robert J. Crotty, Aidan W. Demuth, Zhi Dong, Elizabeth L. Eidson, Cameron Cole Frazier and Priscilla Gonzalez.

Also, Rockwall residents Ranen Jawdat Habib, Hannah Reese Horton, Josey Marie Jagielo, Brittnee Renea Lemmond, Erik S. Ljungholm, Kelly N. McDuff, Allye Alexis McNair, Hayley M. Moore, Lauren Nicole Monreal, Gabriele M. Moreno, Thomas Austin N. Ashley Ann O'Boyle, Truc H. Pham, Nicholas Anthony Rohrig, Jon Salazar, Caroline P. Sears, Jared B. Tokuz, Parker Irlanda Wort Annie K. Young, Derrick Yuen and Ian Raphael Zurutuza.

Also, Roysie City residents Victoria Ann Finley, Garrett J. Hammonds, Barbara Hernandez and Faith Elizabeth Lunday, according to the news release.

To be named to the Dean's List at the Denton university, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours with a grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.9, according to the release.

RISD trustees plan work session

The Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in the Rockwall Administration/Education Center, Room 800, which is located at 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

The planned meeting will be a work session for school board members according to the agenda. After being called to order, the board will receive information on student achievement before working on the 2015-16 fiscal budget.

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Auditions for ' Mousetrap' set

Auditions for Agatha Christie's "Mousetrap" at the Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, Rockwall, will be at 1 p.m. Feb. 7 and 7 p.m. Feb. 8. Visit rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org for more details or call 972-722-3399.

RARTA meeting planned

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet Feb. 9 at the Rockwall ISD Administration Building, 1050 Williams, Room 800. The Rev. Joe Hewitt, local author of numerous books, will be the guest speaker. The meeting will begin at 1:45 p.m.; participants are urged to come at 1:15 for refreshments.

RCP plans children's acting workshop

The Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk, will host an acting workshop from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Feb. 9. Open to children in grades 1-5, the workshop will be offered at a cost of \$150; full and/or partial scholarships are available. Performances

Rockwall County Entertainment

Tickets available for Daddy/Daughter Dance

The Rockwall Parks & Rec department is planning its annual Daddy/Daughter Dance, which will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Tickets, which will cost \$55 per resident couple, are on sale at The Center. Pre-registration is required.

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Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honoring one another. Romans 12:10



The Cyberdines, a robotics team from Springer Elementary, received the STEM Engineering Research Award at the VEX Robotics event conducted at Utley Middle School recently. Pictured are team members Bax Esch, Ethan Montanez, Jake Sherman, David Fadri and Alyssa Brewer. The team is coached by Paul Copioli and Jenny Kaup.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Springer Elementary's Tiny Titans robotics team competed at the VEX Robotics event at Utley Middle School earlier this month, receiving the Best Score Award. The team will go on to the regional contest in Greenville Feb. 28. Pictured are (back row left to right), Ryan Bostik, Collin Renteria, Eli Deen, Jerry Dales, (front row) Ameer Abu-Ziyadeh, Donovon Copioli and Caleb Rodriguez.

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- 1 Hereford is "town without a tooth"
- 5 this Astaire danced with TX Ginger
- 6 TX actors goal
- 7 TXism: "___ to" (intend)
- 8 Texan who wrote "This Ole House"
- 18 Darby of "True Grit"
- 19 TXism: "gets up with the chickens" (2 wds)
- 21 old Oilers slogan: "Luv ___ Blue"
- 22 transactions at a TX horse track
- 23 TXism: "he'd be unarmed in a ___ of wits" (dumb)
- 24 ___ the Republic Museum
- 29 TXism: "he's got a short ___" (temper)
- 30 in Grayson Co. on 5
- 31 this TX Shelley was Olive Oyl (init.)
- 32 Martina Navratilova & TX Judy Nelson's agreement for living arrangement
- 34 ex-Ranger "Amazing Emu" pitcher Jim
- 35 Curly & Larry's pal
- 36 TXism: "she could charm ___ of a tree"
- 37 Young of Houston-made "Witness to the Execution" (94)
- 38 TXism: "tee ninety"
- 39 New Guinea ___ turtle has been bred at TX zoo
- 41 Mineola has "Great Pumpkin ___-Out"
- 42 skinny Gulf fish
- 43 TXism: "skinny as ___"
- 44 collects the leaves
- 45 dir. to Waco from Austin
- 46 ___-Busch has a brewery in Houston
- 48 TXism: "___ greased lightning"
- 49 the fairways at Fort Worth's Colonial, e.g.
- 50 TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- 51 TX sculptor Elisabeth
- 52 Cowboy scores

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- 2 "Dream Team" beat this country for '92 gold medal
- 3 TX-produced gas
- 4 swelling malady
- 9 Lubbock's former Air Force Base
- 10 this TX Sharon was Manson victim
- 11 there's 40 of 'em in a work week (abbr.)
- 12 Rangers leag.
- 13 TXism: "never in all ___ days"
- 14 manly strength
- 15 TX low fat beef: Heritage ___ Beef
- 16 TX Ted Cruz time in Washington (abbr.)
- 17 book about 32-across: "Love Match: ___ Navratilova"
- 20 TXism for liquor
- 22 TXism: "a fly in the ___ milk" (problem)
- 24 TX Rangers used this Colt's pistol (init.)
- 25 TXism: "worn ___ frazzle"
- 26 founder of TX Belo company (init.)
- 27 TXism: "___ a little cane"
- 28 TCU's Davey who won Heisman (38)
- 29 TX has unique flora and ___
- 30 TXism: "cash on the barrel ___"
- 33 TXism: "___ the mark"
- 34 punished by pirates
- 35 Irish QB in A&M's 1993 Cotton Bowl loss
- 37 TXism for "miser"
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- 40 Chester, TX named for this pres. (init.)
- 41 "house" south of the border
- 44 TX Didrickson's nickname came from this "Babe"
- 47 written exams at TX universities



Rockwall Chamber welcomes Hormonal Health & Wellness, BioTE

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday Dec. 15 at Hormonal Health and Wellness, welcoming BioTE Medical.

BioTE is committed to excellence in educating both doctors and patients about Bio Identical Hormone Pellet Therapy. BioTE Medical has hundreds of Certified Medical Practitioners providing pellet therapy nationwide, including its Rockwall location at 1207 Arista Drive, Suite 103.

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Contact Diane Ramsey at 214-926-2944 or diane.ramsey@biotemedical.com for more information. Find provider near you at www.biotemedical.com.

Submitted by the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
Guard your heart ...

It is written, "guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23).

Every decision and action issues out from within the heart.

An essential part of guarding the heart is controlling what comes out. Jesus wisely spoke of this, "There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man" (Mark 7:15).

People have the capacity and ability to control what thoughts and intentions are settled into the inner depth of their minds. Jesus would not have taught this, if it were not so.

What does it mean, "out of the heart are the issues of life?" Don't think too hard about this question. There's a simple answer. The heart refers to the inner depths of the mind; the inner thoughts and intents of the mind.

The living body is completely controlled by the mind. Everything that we do and say starts with the mind. God designed it this way.

Jesus later explained the above parable, "And that which comes out of the man, defiles the man. For ... out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: ... come from within, and defile the man."

Phil. 4:6-7 reveals perfect information about guarding the heart.



(Photo at right) Saraid Driskell (left) recently was selected to be Launch Cart recipient for second year at Springer elementary while integrating math, reading and science. Students created and designed a travel map to demonstrate better understanding of the solar system. They identified the names of the planets, the distance from the sun and learned about the most important stars. Students published an interactive expository poem book, "If Ms. Driskell's Class Could Travel to the Sun Using a Rocket." Pictured above are participating students: Santarrat Barron, Melissa Castillo, Juan Contreras, Alejandra Cruz, Hemliano Diaz, Edgar Escobar, Maricruz Garcia, Oliver Infante, Ricardo Gonzalez Jr., Abran Lopez, Luis Arquez, Jessica Martinez, Juan Medina, Valentina Michel, Tadeo Ortega, Juan Tiz, Emily Rubio, Yahirva, Evelyn Solis and Alexis Vala.

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Medlin to lead RCISD program



Mike Medlin

Mike Medlin has been selected to lead the Roysie City Independent School District's Extended Day Program, according to a district news release.

Medlin comes to the RCISD from Frisco, where he spent the last 10 years working with the AlphaBest after-school program. He has taught for 12 years and has served on many leadership and development teams, including the District Improvement Committee, Faculty Council Committee and Instructional Leader for Special Classes.

He holds a bachelor's degree in education from Stephen F. Austin University and a master's in education with principal's certification from Concordia University.

"We are excited to have Mike as a part of our team," Kevin Worthy, superintendent, said, "and look forward to his leadership in our Extended Program."



Twenty-six participants participated in the recent Grace Hartman spelling bee, which was won by Christa Ninan, a fifth-grade student (right). Kaitlyn Freel (left), a fourth-grade student, was first runner-up. Ninan will represent the school on Feb. 11 at the Rockwall County competition.

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Opinions

Be prepared to care for elderly, ill parents

by Millie Jean Coppedge

I always have thought there were four phases we go through in life -- childhood, teenage years, adulthood/parenthood, then our elderly years. I have to come to find out there is a definite fourth stage for many of us. That of becoming a caregiver for an elderly parent/parents. Often the caregiver must care for ill parents.

This is the story of my mother and me as her caregiver and the toll the stress took on both of us. I had seen several friends my age go through this, but never thought it would be such a devastating time in my life.

Eight years ago, Mother was shopping and passed out. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance and within a few hours, I was told she wouldn't make it through the night. She was in congestive heart failure, extremely ill and running a high fever for which the reason was never known.

After having made it through the night, two heart specialists were called in and both said she would not live but two or three days. They made arrangements for her to be transferred to a nursing home.

Surprisingly, she continued to improve and after about six weeks and daily physical and occupational therapy, was allowed to go home. As she got back into the routine of housework and working in her small flower and vegetable garden, her strength improved. She started back to going country dancing with her friends, and we thought everything was improving to the point that she had overcome the threat of the heart problems.

I was teaching school in Dallas and Mother lived 150 miles away. I was happy in my job and had a very active social life. So it seemed that my life was full and happy with a fulfilling future ahead.

Then Mother began to call me at work with upsetting complaints. The stress began to creep up on me. She began to experience more and more symptoms of not being able to breathe; severe back, leg and neck pain; and almost continual dizzy spells.

I began having to make regular trips to carry Mother to the doctors, sharing the responsibility with my sister-in-law. Mother came down with a very serious case of the shingles, which left her totally deaf in one ear, that side of her face along with that side of her tongue, numb and tingly, which never alleviated the rest of her life.

She began to suffer from falls connected with the heart failure and blood pressure. She fell 16 times in those eight years. She fell in the hospital, the nursing home and three times in the assisted-living where she was living.

One of the first falls that scared her the most of all the falls happened while she was still living at home. She was mowing a shallow ditch at the edge of the road in front of her house. She passed out and lay just a

few inches next to the road, with cars passing constantly. She believed she lay there well over an hour. When she came to, she crawled to the lawnmower and cut the engine off, crawled up into the yard, then finally by holding onto the fence and porch, where she was able to get into the house. She had one of those emergency pendants around her neck, but was too far away from the house for it to work.

Her other falls were frightening and dangerous, as she lived by herself. She absolutely refused to go to live with any of her family.

She had suffered from breast cancer a few years before this all started, which kept the thought in her mind that every pain she had might be the cancer coming back, causing anxiety attacks.

Mother's breathing only worsened, and although she had dealt with asthma and severe allergies all her life, we decided to take her to a pulmonary specialist. He diagnosed her as having pulmonary failure. She was put on medications, inhalers and a breathing machine to treat the condition. She saw very little relief.

Before long, Mother was, mainly due to the falls, going into the emergency rooms, often admitted into the hospital, moved to the nursing home for therapy, then back home which became a cycle of life for her. The doctors had warned her that if she continued to fall, she would have to go into a nursing home or assisted living permanently for continual care and observation. She balked and absolutely refused the idea.

She continued to call me at work and at home, having fallen again, crying, upset with family problems and letting me know that she needed to see a doctor for a certain ailment. I continued to make long trips to attend to physical and financial matters. I became so worn out that I could barely sleep, grabbing two or three hours when I could. I began to have problems concentrating, could barely teach and eventually was in the emergency room 12 times and admitted to the hospital six times. Within a few months, I had to retire from teaching due to the unbearable pain.

In June 2012, Mother fell again. The doctor said he was making the decision this time and she would not be going back home. I could not bring her home to live with me because I was in too bad of shape to care for myself, much less an elderly parent who required almost around-the-clock care.

I made arrangements for her to go into a nice assisted-living home where she would have good care, healthy food, could make many new friends and enjoy entertainment and games such as bingo and dominoes. She, of course, was more than upset over the move.

At the time Mother was admitted to the assisted living, she was on 23 different medications, some of which she took three to five times a day. At that time, she had 12 different doctors most of whom were specialists such as kidney, heart, pulmonary, arthritis, cancer, neurologists, etc. The

calls were non-stop. At one point, Mother had seven doctor's visits in five days. For me, it was a 300-mile round trip. For my sister-in-law, was 150 miles a day.

Mother was suffering from congestive heart failure, kidney failure, pulmonary failure, severe arthritis, a cyst at the back portion of her brain and macular degeneration which had taken almost all the sight in one eye and was progressing quickly in the other eye. She also suffered from various types of skin rashes and unknown fevers.

Mother died at the age of 86 on Christmas Eve. The last few days of her life we had to call hospice in to help make her last days easier and the family that stood vigil in her room so she wouldn't die alone. This is the first time in all my adult life I had seen my mother totally at peace with no pain. What a sense of peace for not only her, but for by sister-in-law and me. We both almost lost our health over the 2½ years she was in the assisted-living home and the pressure it put on us and our families.

This is not meant to be a story of complaining or one of feeling sorry for myself. I loved my mother, but watching her deteriorate over such a long period of time took a toll on my physical, spiritual and mental health. The fact that Mother lived so far away made the problem even more difficult. In the last two years, I put more than 50,000 miles on the car.

Equal to the toll on one's body, the financial load of having an elderly, ill parent/parents can be overwhelming. One never can imagine the costs of nursing care, occupational and physical therapy, doctor's visits and medications. It cost \$396 a month just for the home to administer Mother's medications (not the cost of the medications themselves). Her assisted living costs were \$4,200 a month.

My final advice: If you have parents who are getting up in age, study and learn your options as to their care now should the day come when they are dependent upon you for their needs. The time may be closer than you think. I had just turned 60 when Mother first began getting sick and all happened so fast.

I also need to mention in closing that Mother was a very independent, hard-working farmwoman, who lived through the Depression and many hard times. It was very, very difficult for her to give up her car, her home, everything she had worked so hard for, but even harder for her to give up her independence and dignity of being totally dependent upon others.

Start now learning all the aspects of taking care of elderly parents as you will not be so overwhelmed when and if the time comes. There are many excellent books in the libraries, Internet searches and family physicians often can give good for learning how you can start now to educate yourself, making the processes easier when/if the time does come for you to have to make all the critical decisions concerning your parents.

America founded on prayer and godly principles

FROM HISTORY Vol 37

Comparing our past with today and looking at our future

by Kenneth Shores, Rockwall, Texas

Our founding fathers researched, prayed and referenced the Bible to determine how to create a nation with freedom of choice and freedom of religion without government intervention. Their conclusion was to remove government control of individual freedoms. Freedom of speech, religion, innocent until proven guilty and so forth were written in our governing documents, to remove government control. Prayer and the Bible played a major role in the creation of America as a nation. God was involved in all of our founding fathers decisions and when finished, America became a Godly Christian Nation. English became this nation's language, but never officially declared. The right to bear arms (2nd amendment) gave "WE THE PEOPLE" the right to protect ourselves and strengthen the safety of our country. All people who came here legally were welcome as long as they abided by our rules and laws. All adult citizens are expected to voice their choice of government by the voting rules.

Quotes from past leaders

Rev. Charles G. Finney (1792-1875), Revivalist in the Second and Third Great Awakenings, College President.

"Reminded ministers in his day, Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in religion, the pulpit is responsible for it. If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it. Let us not ignore this fact, my dear brethren; but let us lay it to heart, and be thoroughly awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation." "He also stated: The time has come that Christians must vote for honest men,

and take consistent ground in politics or the Lord will curse them... Christians have been exceedingly guilty in this matter. But the time has come when they must act differently... God will bless or curse this nation, according to the course Christians take."

The Rev. Frederick Douglass, (1817-1895) Minister of the Gospel and civil rights leader who served under four United States Presidents. "I have one great political idea... The best expression of it I have found in the Bible. It is in substance, 'Righteousness exalteth a nation; sin is a reproach to any people' [Proverbs 14:34]. This constitutes my politics -- the negative and positive of my politics, and the whole of my politics."

John Jay, (1745-1829, Original Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty -- as well as the privilege and interest -- of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

Rev. Francis Grimke (1850-1937), Minister of the Gospel "If the time comes when America shall go to pieces, it will... [be] from... losing sight of the fact that 'Righteousness exalteth a nation, but that sin is a reproach to any people... Unless we hold... to these great fundamental principles of righteousness, America will be only a covenant with death and an agreement with hell."

Rev. James A. Garfield, (1831-1881), United States President, Minister of the Gospel "The people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities... If the next centennial does not find us a great nation... it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces."

America Today

Prayer and Bibles removed from schools, freedom of religion challenged, removal of Ten Commandments from public places, the word God misused and removed from some of public and private government control of speech, people choose to speak different languages and government honors that by printing government multiple languages and many more violations of our original laws constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence. Our churches have been told what they can only talk about and threatened by our government. Also in the past forty two years over 57 million babies have been aborted through the abortion laws. We the people have allowed all this by not choosing good moral people when voting for our government employees or not voting at all. How can we claim America is still a Godly Christian Nation and worse of all, how can we expect God to let us remain as a free country. Go back and read the quotes from previous leaders of the past as they warned us about losing this world leader country. Most government employees and officials salary is greater than like people in the private sector, but do not generate an income. They rely on the income of the private sector through taxes. Greed and corruption also add to our large debt the government has accumulated.

Today we need all Americans for love of country to join in constant prayer to return us back to a "Godly Christian Nation". This includes churches, pastors, religious leaders' government and "We the People". I personally believe the time is short until Jesus returns as promised in the Bible. If we wait, it will be too late. May God Bless America and help us restore our country.

Ken Shores' articles can be viewed on my book website www.isthereagod7.org under ARTICLES.

The following are some of the websites used for research <http://www.bibleinfo.com/en/topics/satan> <http://www.isthereagod7.org>

Who Will Keep Our Freedoms Safe?

by Judge Andrew P. Napolitano

While the Western world was watching and grieving over the slaughter in Paris last week, and my colleagues in the media were fomenting a meaningless debate about whether President Obama should have gone to Paris to participate in a televised parade, the feds took advantage of that diversion to reveal even more incursions into our liberties than we had known about.

We already knew that the NSA, our 60,000 domestic spies, has captured and retained the contents of nearly all emails, text messages, telephone calls, bank statements, utility bills and credit card bills of all Americans since 2009. We already knew that Obama has used CIA drones to kill Americans overseas and claims that he somehow can do so legally and secretly notwithstanding the express prohibitions in the Constitution.

We already knew that President George W. Bush authorized the illegal torture of a hundred-plus people, about 20 percent by "mistake," and now we know that because he refuses to prosecute the torturers, Obama is as culpable for the torture as Bush is.

Last week, however, the Department of Justice revealed that since the 1990s, the Drug Enforcement Administration, whose job is to interdict controlled dangerous substances before they enter our borders and to do so consistent with the Constitution, has been monitoring the phone calls of selected Americans. Prior to 2001, the DEA intimidated, coerced and bribed telecom providers into making their telephone lines available to its agents. Since 2001, it has no doubt taken advantage of the provisions of the so-called Patriot Act that permit federal agents to write their own search warrants to custodians of records, in direct contravention of the Constitution, which requires warrants from judges.

Last week, the Government Communications Headquarters, the

British equivalent of the NSA, known as GCHQ, acknowledged that it has been reading the domestic emails of U.S. journalists since 2008. This can only be done (a) by stealth illegally, or (b) if the NSA has given this data illegally to the GCHQ, or (c) on the odd chance that an American domestic email or cellphone call has been routed through Canada or Britain. The GCHQ boasted of its ability to download 70,000 American emails in 10 minutes! Did you hear Obama condemn this?

As if all this were not enough to make one ask what is going on with our privacy, also last week, former federal agents revealed that more than 50 American law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the U.S. Marshals Service, possess a new handheld radar device that sends sound waves through walls and receives back images on a screen of persons on the other side of the walls.

This permits cops on the street to view an image of you in the privacy of your home without your knowledge or consent and without a search warrant. For the past 13 years, the Supreme Court has refused to permit evidence from similar heat-seeking devices to be used in criminal prosecutions, and the cops have reacted by using a more high-tech version, ostensibly to see whether "anyone is home."

None of these flagrant violations of privacy, dignity and basic American constitutional values was enacted by a majority vote of any representative body of lawmakers -- and yet none has been stopped by those lawmakers. That's because we have a deep state system in American government, whereby certain law enforcement, military, intelligence and diplomatic personnel can do as they wish, no matter which party controls the legislative and executive branches and in hair-splitting defiance of the courts.

That hair-splitting defiance argues that the Fourth Amendment's guarantee of privacy in the "persons, houses, papers and effects" of all in America only pertains to criminal prosecutions; thus, the government, this argument goes, can invade all the privacy it wants so long as it is for some other -- non-criminal -- purpose. Supreme Court decisions recognizing privacy as a personal natural right, as well as American constitutional history (the Fourth Amendment was written largely in reaction to British soldiers invading privacy by looking for items in the colonists' homes to tax), profoundly reject that argument.

How does the government get away with this? If you peered into your neighbor's bedroom with a high-tech device, you'd be prosecuted or sued. Yet when the government does this, most folks are supine enough to be grateful for the safety it produces. That's what Big Brother wants you to believe. What safety? Who will keep us safe from the government? Who will keep our personal liberties safe? What representative government splits hairs in order to defy the Constitution, rather than complying with its oath to protect it?

In effect, the government argues that it cannot keep us safe unless it violates the rights of the known innocent. If you buy that argument and surrender your own privacy, good luck -- but don't try to surrender anyone else's. Freedom is natural and personal and cannot be surrendered by others. If you think the present federal government will keep you safe because you let it take your freedoms, what will protect you from a future federal government when all your freedoms have been surrendered?

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Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were issued on the 15th day of January, 2015, in a proceeding styled "In Re: Estate of BEN R. YOUNG, Deceased," bearing Cause No. PR14-140, in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to PHIL R. YOUNG and DUFF L. YOUNG. All persons having claims against said estate are

required to present them within the time prescribed by law, either to the representatives of the estate, addressed as follows: Estate of BEN R. YOUNG, Deceased c/o Duff L. Young 220 Quinn Dr. Dripping Springs, TX 78620 or in care of the representative's attorney, addressed as follows: Estate of BEN R. YOUNG, Deceased c/o WETSEL, CARMICHAEL & ALLEN, LLP P.O. Box 78 Sweetwater, TX 79556 SIGNED this 21st day of January, 2015. WETSEL, CARMICHAEL & ALLEN, LLP

207 Oak Street, P.O. Box 78 Sweetwater, Texas 79556 (325) 235-3999 PH (325) 235-3526 FAX By: ROD E. WETSEL State Bar No. 21235400 ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE OF BEN R. YOUNG, DECEASED

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TO THE RESIDENTS OF ROCKWALL COUNTY CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with V.T.C.A., Water Code, Chapter 49.062, as amended, the Board of Directors of Rockwall County Consolidated Municipal Utility District No. 1 (the "District") has, on December 23, 2014, established an additional office outside the boundaries of the District at the Hampton Inn, 1549 Laguna Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, which may be used for meeting purposes and for the transaction of such business as is not required to be done within the District, which office is hereby declared to be a public place and open to the public for the purpose of conducting meetings. In addition, the District continues to maintain offices at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, 689 East I-30, Rockwall, Texas 75087, the offices of Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP, the District's attorneys, at 201 Main Street, Suite 2500, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 and 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701, which are used for the storage of District records, for the mailing address of the District and may be used for meeting purposes and for the transaction of such business as is not required to be done within the District, which offices are hereby declared to be public places and open to the public for the purpose of conducting meetings. Also, the District maintains an additional office for the purpose of the storage of engineering records and for the opening of construction bids at the offices of Pettit & Associates, Inc., the District's engineer, 1651 N. Glenville Drive, Suite 208, Richardson, Texas 75081. All prior office designations are hereby rescinded and replaced with the office designations set forth herein.

YOU WILL THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOREGOING FACTS.

December 23, 2014
/s/Bobby L. Jackson, Jr., President

ATTEST:
/s/Clayton Taylor, Secretary

NOTICE ESTABLISHING OFFICES OF DISTRICT

TO THE RESIDENTS OF ROCKWALL COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 6 AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with V.T.C.A., Water Code, Chapter 49.062, as amended, the Board of Directors of Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 6 (the "District") has, on December 16, 2014, established an additional office outside the boundaries of the District at the Hampton Inn, 1549 Laguna Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, which may be used for meeting purposes and for the transaction of such business as is not required to be done within the District, which office is hereby declared to be a public place and open to the public for the purpose of conducting meetings. In addition, the District continues to maintain offices at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, 689 East I-30, Rockwall, Texas 75087, the offices of Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP, the District's attorneys, at 201 Main Street, Suite 2500, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 and 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701, which are used for the storage of District records, for the mailing address of the District and may be used for meeting purposes and for the transaction of such business as is not required to be done within the District, which offices are hereby declared to be public places and open to the public for the purpose of conducting meetings. Also, the District maintains an additional office for the purpose of the storage of engineering records and for the opening of construction bids at the offices of Pettit & Associates, Inc., the District's engineer, 1651 N. Glenville Drive, Suite 208, Richardson, Texas 75081. All prior office designations are hereby rescinded and replaced with the office designations set forth herein.

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December 16, 2014
/s/ Jill Thrasher., President

ATTEST:
/s/ Chris Smith, Secretary

NOTICE ESTABLISHING OFFICES OF DISTRICT

TO THE RESIDENTS OF ROCKWALL COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 9 AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with V.T.C.A., Water Code, Chapter 49.062, as amended, the Board of Directors of Rockwall County Municipal Utility District No. 9 (the "District") has, on December 23, 2014, established an additional office outside the boundaries of the District at the Hampton Inn, 1549 Laguna Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75087, which may be used for meeting purposes and for the transaction of such business as is not required to be done within the District, which office is hereby declared to be a public place and open to the public for the purpose of conducting meetings. In addition, the District continues to maintain offices at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, 689 East I-30, Rockwall, Texas 75087, the offices of Kelly Hart & Hallman LLP, the District's attorneys, at 201 Main Street, Suite 2500, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 and 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701, which are used for the storage of District records, for the mailing address of the District and may be used for meeting purposes and for the transaction of such business as is not required to be done within the District, which offices are hereby declared to be public places and open to the public for the purpose of conducting meetings. Also, the District maintains an additional office for the purpose of the storage of engineering records and for the opening of construction bids at the offices of Pettit & Associates, Inc., the District's engineer, 1651 N. Glenville Drive, Suite 208, Richardson, Texas 75081. All prior office designations are hereby rescinded and replaced with the office designations set forth herein.

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December 23, 2014
/s/ Nicholas Helge, President

ATTEST:
/s/ Jennifer Clark, Secretary

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EXAMPLE A

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL
PERMIT NUMBER 75774

APPLICATION Rest Haven Crematory, Ltd. dba Pet Memories Cremation Service has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 75774, which would authorize continued operation of a pet crematory located at 2500 State Highway 66, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas 75087. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=32.9363&lng=-96.4266&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, hazardous air pollutants, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 20, 2015. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth regional office, and the Rockwall Historic Courthouse, 101 East Rusk Street, Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Dallas/Fort Worth regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: amendments. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Rest Haven Crematory, Ltd., P.O. Box 1119, Rockwall, Texas 75087-1119 or by calling Mr. Martin Dumas, Vice President of Operations at (972) 771-8641.

Notice Issuance Date: January 26, 2015

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STATE OF TEXAS
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439th District Court OF
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TEXAS
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TO: DEANGELO R.
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You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this, before the Honorable 439th District court of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 200, Rockwall, Texas.. A default judgment may be taken against you. You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer

to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on MONDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015 AT 10:00 A.M. before the Honorable 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas at the Rockwall county Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition, was filed in said Court on DECEMBER 31, 2014, A.D., in this case numbered 8-14-1 on the docket of said court, and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS vs. \$20,150.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: FORFEITURE & SEIZURE PROP/MONEY The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of

law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.
ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT AT Office, this the 31st day of December, 2014.
KAY MCDANIEL, District Clerk
Rockwall County, Texas
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Local Vendor – Food/Catering
RFP 15-01-183

The Rockwall Independent School District will accept responses for the category listed above until 2:00 P.M. (CST), Thursday, April 2, 2014, at the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Proposal packages are available on the District's website: <http://www.rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/financial-accountability/purchasing-information/> or may be requested by email to jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org. Responses must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Director of Purchasing and be marked with the proposal name and number. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities, or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

LASER PRINTER MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES
RFP 15-01-181

The Rockwall Independent School District will accept responses for the category listed above until 2:00 P.M. (CST), Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087. Proposal packages are available on the District's website: <http://www.rockwallisd.com/about/accountability/financial-accountability/purchasing-information/> or may be requested by email to jana.hunter@rockwallisd.org. Responses must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Director of Purchasing and be marked with the proposal name and number. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals and to waive any irregularities, technicalities, or informalities in any bids or the bid process.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court invites on-line bids to purchase surplus equipment/furnishings/vehicles/books, etc. Equipment/Furnishings to be sold include but is not limited to the following: miscellaneous scrap materials, computers and computer related equipment. Vehicles to be sold include the following: '03 Chevy Impala, '05 Chevy Impala (2), '06 Chevy Impala, '09 Ford Crown Victoria (2). All equipment/furnishings/vehicles, etc. will be sold "AS IS" with no warranty written or implied.

Additional information may be obtained from the Rockwall County Auditor's office located at 1111 Yellow Jacket Lane, Ste 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087 or by calling Allana Mitchell at (972) 204-6050. The above items will be available for inspection by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call Allana Mitchell in the County Auditor's office at (972)204-6050.

Bidding will take place via the internet by logging on to www.govdeals.com. New bidders must register online to bid. Search by zip code 75087, then click on Rockwall County, TX. Bids must be submitted on or before Friday, February 13, 2015 at the specific times designated on the Govdeals website.

Rockwall County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT
Rockwall County, Texas
Lisa Constant Wylie
Rockwall County Auditor

Rockwall County Entertainment

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Wine & Dine for Rockwall PAWS

The fifth annual Wine & Dine for Rockwall PAWS is set for 6 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, Nineteen, 2600 Champions Drive, Rockwall. The event will include dinner with wine, dessert Tiers by Tista, silent and live auctions, a raffle and a cash bar. Tickets cost \$55; make reservations by Feb. 2. Checks should be sent to Rockwall PAWS, P.O. Box 44, Rockwall, TX 75087. Purchase online at rockwallpaws.com. For more details, call Cathy at 214-532-4407 or email cath.bedsale@heartoftexasahs.com. Rockwall PAWS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping animals in Rockwall and the surrounding area.

RISD Multi-Cultural Celebration set

The Rockwall ISD will host its fifth annual Multi-Cultural Celebration, Children of the World – A Rockwall Portrait, beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Rockwall-Heath Performing Arts Center, 801 Laurence Dr., Rockwall. The event will include art, music, performances, essays and more produced by music, theater and dance fine arts students from throughout the school district.

'Romeo & Juliet' set at RCP

"Romeo & Juliet" will be staged at the Rockwall Community Playhouse Feb. 6-8, 13-15 and 20-22. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees will start at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399. Tickets also may be purchased at the box office 30 minutes prior to the start of any performance.

Canup to discuss Rockwall County history

Longtime Rockwall resident Patty Canup will share recollections of Rockwall County, including schools, the aluminum plant and generations of family heritage, Feb. 13 as part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Swing Dance Spectacular, Silent Auction slated

The Orange Wave Band Boosters will host the 2nd Annual Swing Dance Spectacular & Silent Auction.

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Falcons rally against Waxahachie, take over 1st place in district

two nights last week, The Fulton School defeated both of the other contenders to take over first place in TAPPS District 3-1A boys' basketball.

Monday, the Falcons (7-3 overall, 6-1 in the district) rallied from a 16-point deficit to defeat Waxahachie Preparatory Academy in time 63-57 at Forney Sports Center. On Tuesday, Fulton avenged its district loss with a 46-42 victory over Irving StoneGate Christian Academy.

The Falcons, who have won six in a row, held Waxahachie to three points in the fourth quarter, and outscored the Warriors 10-4 in overtime.

"It was a better week than I thought we would have," Fulton head coach Mike Morris said.

"Over the stretch, we had to fight back against Waxahachie. We had to be able to maintain our composure. They stayed missing some shots,

and we were able not to turn the ball over. When we got into overtime, they were deflated."

The Falcons had been unable to put away opponents after gaining leads in early season games against StoneGate, Dallas International School and the Christian Homeschool Athletes of North Texas junior varsity.

Morris said, "Had we not gone through that, I don't think we could have won these games."

"We got the lead early on StoneGate. They made it a game, but we maintained our composure."

By winning the five remaining district games, Fulton would win the district championship. The Falcons are close to clinching one of 3-1A's three playoff berths.

"We want to go in on a hot streak, and the number one seed," Morris said.

Playing with as few as six players this season, and no more than nine, Fulton has established balance.

T.J. Woolridge and Levi Barnard provide size, Ian Borgen has been a valuable defender and rebounder and Max Mitchell and Tyler Tenney have been the ballhandlers in the backcourt.

"Brian Geiger has been shooting well," Morris said. "He hit a couple of early 3s against StoneGate, and they played a kind of box and one on him after that."

The Falcons' game Thursday against Dallas A-Plus Academy was canceled. They were scheduled to host Nacogdoches Regents Academy Tuesday at Forney Sports Center, play at Longview Christian School Thursday and host Dallas International Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Malak wins opening sailing race

Boat racing returned to Lake Hubbard Jan. 18 with Sunday Ringers Series Race 1.

Malak skipped "Orion" to first place in the first race of a series that will be held every Sunday, weather permitting. Steve Hines was second aboard "Miss K-7."

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Deadline approaching for fast-pitch softball

Monday, Jan. 29, is the deadline to register for Rockwall Girls Fast-Pitch Softball, Division 6U-14U. All games are played at the Leon Title Athletic Complex. Fees are \$10 for non-Rockwall residents and \$65 for Rockwall residents. Register at rbsl.org.

Registration open for boys' baseball

Rockwall boys' baseball, 4U-14U, will begin the week of Feb. 23 (draft divisions, 4U-14U, non-draft divisions, 7U-14U). All games will be played at the Leon Title Athletic Complex. Games in the District Division will run Mondays through Fridays; Games in the Draft Division will take place on Saturdays. Registration fee is \$99 or \$65 for Rockwall residents. Register at rbsl.org.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

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Featuring music by the RHS Jazz Orchestra and RHS Jazz Band, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 21 in the RHS cafeteria. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door; reserved business and family sponsorship seats are available at a cost of \$40, including premium seating for six, as well as program and tabletop advertising. Tickets prices include music, catered dinner, dessert bar, dance instruction and silent auction. Tickets are available at rockwallbandboosters.com. The fundraiser will benefit the RHS band. For more info email ringewaveboosters@gmail.com or call 469-323-3009.

Program to focus on families' histories

The history of two landmark properties – the Florence Ranch Barnes Bridge Road and Lawrence homestead – will be explored during the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. March 13 in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Program to focus on Terrell State Hospital

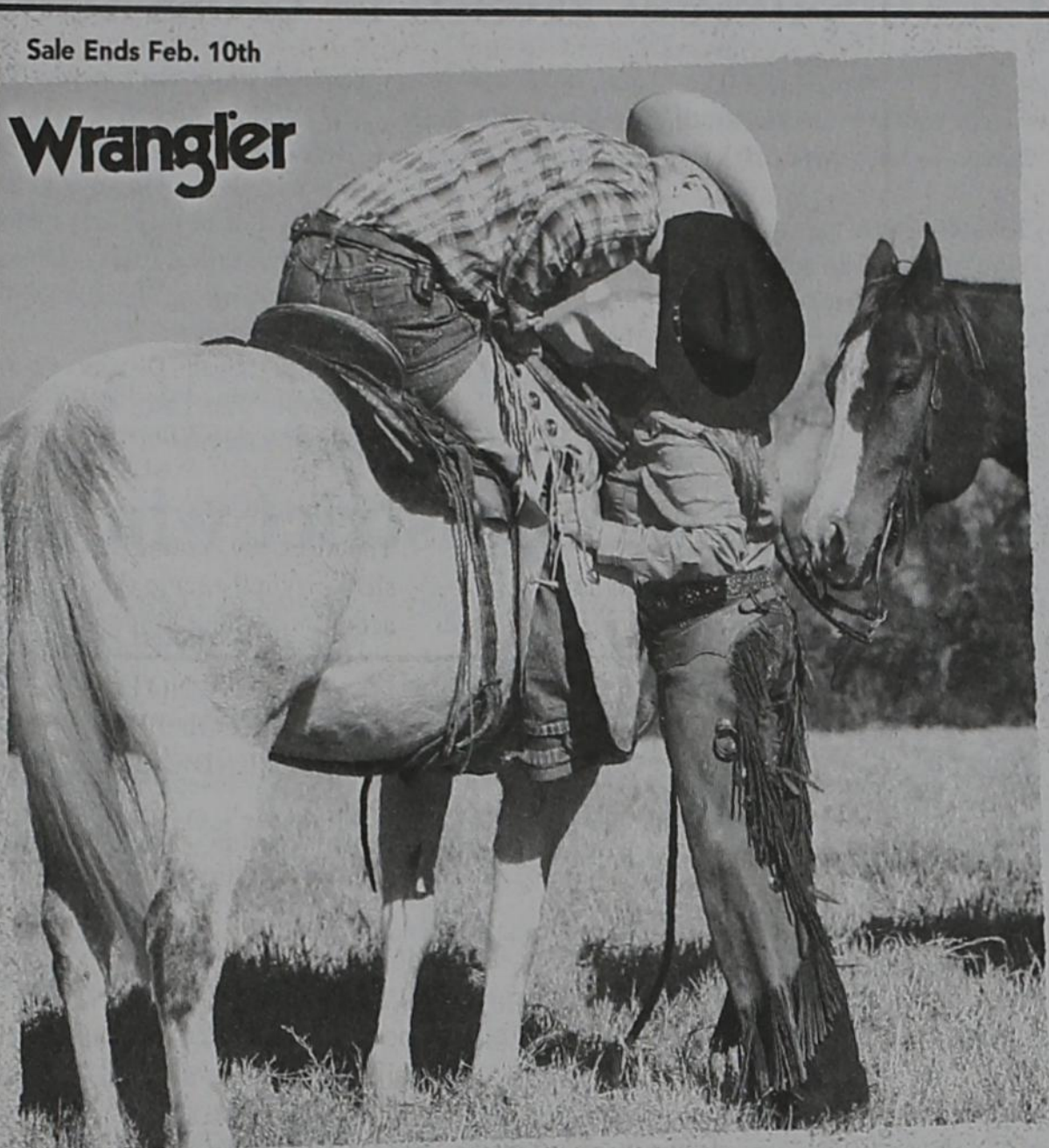
A history of the Terrell State Hospital, which opened in 1885, will be offered as part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. April 10 in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Kennedy focus of May 8 program

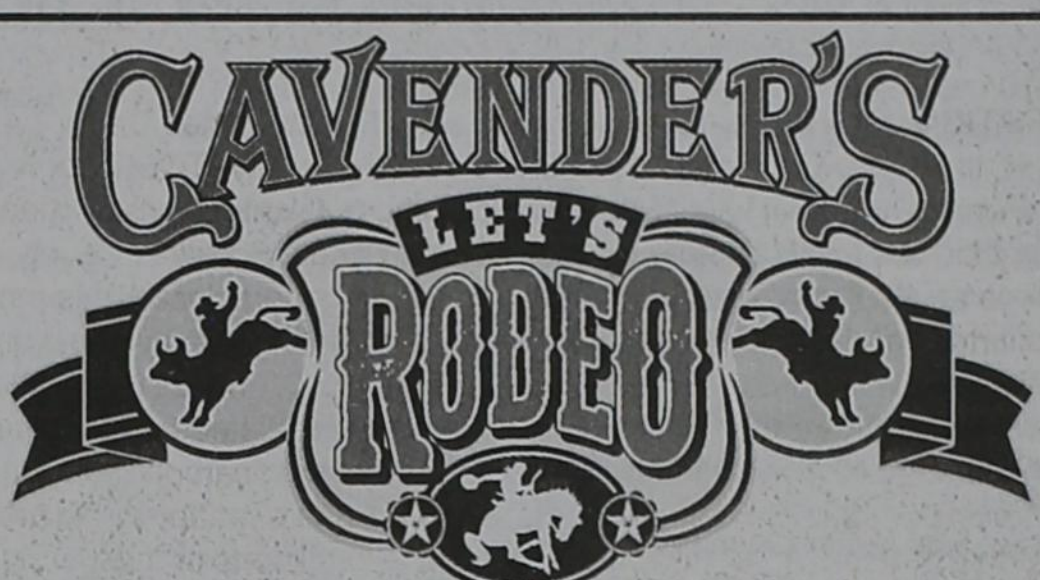
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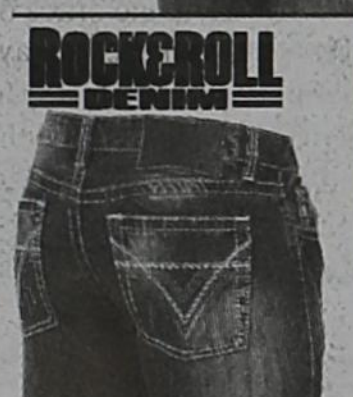
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Rockwall-Heath swimmers sweep District 12-5A championships

by Ryan Garrett

The Heath Hawks and Lady Hawks competed in the 12-5A District swim meet Friday, January 23 and Saturday, January 24 at the Rockwall ISD Aquatics Center, sweeping the overall boys and girls team standings and the relay events.

In the girls 200 medley relay, the Lady Hawks team of Marley Eseh, Amber Conrad, Araeli Villarreal and Sarah Houser placed first. The Hawks team of Tyler Kreminski, Eliseo Villarreal, Nathaniel Wang and

Jeffrey Caddell took first place in the boys 200 relay.

The girls 200-yard freestyle relay team of Harper Gillentine, Eseh, Bailey Lockaby and Sam Scott took first place, while the boys freestyle relay team of Evan Perlitz, Kyle Butler, Wang and Caddell also finished at the top. In the 400 freestyle relay, the girls team of Lockaby, Houser, Conrad and Gillentine and the boys team of Perlitz, Kreminski Butler and E. Villarreal both took first place.

Top individual finishers for the Lady Hawks — Araeli Villarreal took first in the 200 freestyle and the 100 butterfly, Kaitlynn Cozma place second in the 200 freestyle, Kayla Johnson took third in the 200 individual medley, Harper Gillentine placed first in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle while Sarah Houser took third in the 50 freestyle. Daron Mellorn placed first in the 1-meter diving, Amber Conrad took

first in the 100 breaststroke and second in the 100 freestyle, Marley Eseh placed third in 100 backstroke.

Rockwall-Heath boys who reached the podium included Eliseo Villarreal (first-200 freestyle), Giovanni Copioli (third-200 freestyle), James Warren (first-200 IM; second-100 butterfly), Ethan Oliver (second-200 IM; second-100 breaststroke), Justin Wallace (second-100 backstroke; third-200 IM), Evan Perlitz (first-100 freestyle; second-50 freestyle), Kyle Butler (first-100 breaststroke; third-50 freestyle), Cameron Cloys (first-1-meter diving), Nathaniel Wang (first-100 butterfly) and Tyler Karaminski (first-100 backstroke; second-100 freestyle).

Rockwall-Heath qualifiers will advance to Regional competition in Frisco February 6 and 7.

Eagles look for better things after beating Covenant

The Heritage Christian Academy boys' basketball team defeated The Covenant School of Dallas 35-31 Friday for the Eagles' first TAPPS District 3-3A victory this season.

The HCA girls won twice to improve to 12-6 overall and 7-3 in the district, solidifying their hold on third place with six 3-3A games remaining.

HCA trailed the Covenant boys 25-22 entering the fourth quarter, but Christian Pettit and Joshua Henson each scored four points in the final eight minutes as the Eagles outscored the Knights 13-6.

Pettit finished with 10 points. Brendan Schroepfer led the Eagles (5-14, 1-9) with 11.

They had fallen behind early Tuesday, Jan. 20, in a 55-41 loss to Irving The Highlands School. Schroepfer scored 20 points in that game, and Pettit added 13.

"We have been building to this point for a few games," Eagles head coach Don McEvoy said. "It all came together on Friday night. For the first time all year, we played Eagle basketball for four quarters.

"The captains, Will McEvoy and Lawson Hobbs, have stepped into mentor roles with the younger leaders. Sophs Brendan Schroepfer and Christian Pettit are learning to lead their peers. The final six games should be fun to watch."

HCA's boys aren't likely to make the playoffs, but the Lady Eagles are in good position after defeating The Highlands 51-25 and The Covenant.

Heritage Christian was scheduled to play at McKinney Christian Academy Tuesday, at Trinity Christian Academy-Cedar Hill Saturday and at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo against Yavneh Academy of Dallas Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Royse City Lady Bulldogs post 4th shutout in a row

Kristyn Daniels scored three goals as the Royse City girls' soccer won twice at home last week to stretch their streak of shutouts to four consecutive games.

In a 5-0 victory over North Garland Tuesday, Jan. 20, Daniels had two goals. Jennyfer Caracheo, Riley Sutton and Hannah Webb scored one each.

The Lady Bulldogs defeated Mount Pleasant 2-0 Friday, with Daniels and Sutton scoring the goals.

RC (4-1-1) has outscored opponents 13-5 in six games this season. Four of the goals allowed were in the only loss, to 6A Allen.

Royse City was scheduled to open their first District 12-5A season Tuesday at South Garland. The Lady Bulldogs would play Mesquite Poteet at 7:15 p.m. Friday at RCISD Stadium, and travel to Rockwall-Heath to play Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The RC boys (3-5-1) lost 3-1 to Mesquite Friday at Hanby Stadium.

The Bulldogs' first three district games were scheduled at home Tuesday against South Garland, Saturday at 1:45 p.m. at Mesquite Poteet and Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. against Rockwall-Heath at RCISD Stadium.

Lady Jackets defeat Heath in cross-town soccer match

by Ryan Garrett

In a cross-town rivalry matchup, the Rockwall girls downed the Lady Hawks 2-0 at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium Tuesday, January 20.

A corner shot by Katie Givens in the eighth minute put the Lady Jackets up 1-0. Rockwall built on their lead with nine minutes remaining with a blast to the corner of the net by Lauren Baker.

Rockwall goalkeeper Sydney Smith made several big stops, including a shot by Heath's Kaymie Wheeler six minutes into the game and then a kick from Lindsay Gardner in the 23rd minute.

The Lady Jackets began 11-6A play Wednesday, January 28 at North

Garland, and return to action Saturday against Lakeview Centennial with an 11:45 a.m. kickoff.

Rockwall-Heath competed in the Richardson-Berkner Ice Bowl weekend, only giving up one goal in three games during the tournament — they fell in their first match to McKinney 1-0, and then tied The Highlands 0-0 on Friday. On Saturday, the Lady Hawks took on Naam Forest, defeating the Rangers 2-0 with goals by Hannah Harvey and Lindsey Gardner.

Heath began District 12-5A competition Tuesday hosting North Forney. The Lady Hawks will travel to Mesquite AC New Middle School tomorrow to take on West Mesquite at 7:15 p.m.

Bulldogs take 1st 5A district win against Forney

Royse City earned its first District 12-5A boys' basketball victory Tuesday, Jan. 20, by holding off Forney to win 37-35.

Returning home to play North Forney Friday, the Bulldogs fell short 42-38 in a similar game.

The RCHS girls also defeated Forney 58-49 on Tuesday, at home, and then lost a close one 37-32 at North Forney Friday.

At Forney, RC pulled away from a 17-17 halftime tie for a 30-25 lead over the Jackrabbits after three quarters. Joseph Steffen scored 18 of the Bulldogs' points.

On Friday, the Falcons (13-8 overall, 5-2 in the district) concentrated on stopping Steffen, and held him to nine points.

Royse City (6-12, 1-6) took a 9-8 lead on Steffen's only field goal, a 3-pointer 3 seconds before the first quarter ended. At halftime, the game was tied 20-20.

The score still was tied at 31 when North Forney's Ronnie Horner was fouled on a 3-point attempt with 40 seconds left in the third quarter. He made all three foul shots for a 34-31 lead, and the Bulldogs couldn't catch up.

DeVante Alexander pulled RC within 40-38 with a fast-break layup with 36 seconds to play, but 20 seconds later the Falcons' Jaylin Winters made two free throws.

The Bulldogs held North Forney to 31 percent shooting (13 for 42) from the field, but the Falcons shot 83 percent (15 for 18) from the foul line and outbounded Royse City 30-18.

"North is a tough matchup for us or almost everyone but Heath in district," Bulldogs head coach Anthony Howerton said.

"We are getting better. We can defend. We just have to get better on the other end. There are several weaknesses we are going after each practice and game."

Four Lady Bulldogs reached double figures in scoring against Forney. RC rallied from a 27-23 halftime deficit to take a 38-34 lead into the fourth quarter.

Belle Munoz scored a game-high 13 points. Emily Pratt added 11, and Alexis Wanton and Melanie Sumrow each had 10.

Royse City held North Forney scoreless in the second quarter, but still trailed 13-10 at halftime. The Lady Bulldogs pulled within two points entering the final quarter before losing. Sumrow led them with 11 points.

The big game for the girls is likely to be Friday at Mesquite Poteet. RC is sixth in the district at 4-5, but is just one game behind Poteet, Forney and North Forney in a three-way tie for third at 5-4.

The Lady Bulldogs were scheduled to play at home Tuesday against South Garland and Tuesday, Feb. 3, vs. Terrell.

Rockwall County Sports Notes

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Register now for adult slow-pitch softball

Registration is open for adult slow-pitch softball. Men's D-league and co-ed divisions are available. Games will be played on Sunday nights at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex; eight-game guarantee. The season will begin March 15. Team fee is \$325. Teams can drop off a check at The Center, 108 E. Washington, in Rockwall or register at rbsl.org.

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Area News Briefs

Church plans Feb. 7 open house

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who attend the Garner Road meetinghouse in Rowlett are inviting the public to attend a building open house from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 7. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the facility, learn about genealogy and work on their own family histories with the help of trained Latter-day Saint family history consultants. Information about youth activities, the church's organization for women, Relief Society, services provided within and by the church and other information regarding the church will be made available. The event is free to the public; light refreshments will be served. The building is located at 8201 Garner Rd., Rowlett.

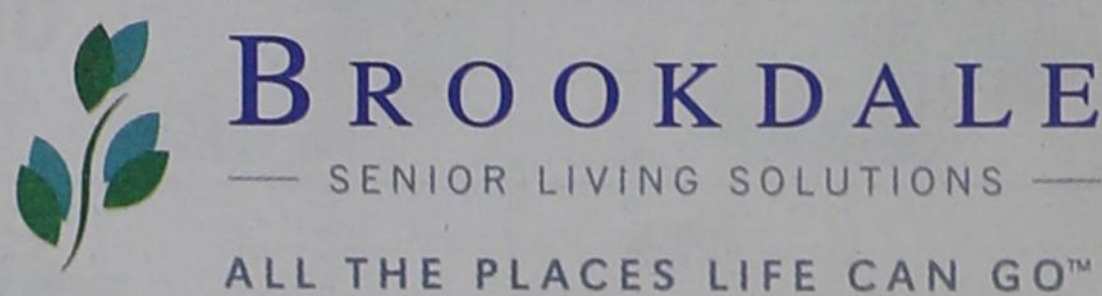
Clay shoot to benefit SpiritHorse Therapeutic Center

The nonprofit SpiritHorse Therapeutic Center in Corinth is currently signing up shooters and sponsors for a May 16 sporting clay shoot to be conducted at Beaumont Ranch in Grandview. Incentive prizes will be awarded to the first five teams that sign up. The center's goal is "to assist individuals with special needs in reaching their full potential through interaction with horses." To sign up to participate, serve as a sponsor or volunteer, email jennifer@spirithorsetherapy.com.

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